

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Jonathan Whitten S18278

f24SC

Transcribed by Will Graves

5/27/10: rev'd 6/12/20

[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indecipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

State of South Carolina Pickens District: SS

On this 6th day of October 1835 Personally appeared before the Honorable Josias J. Evans one of the Associate Judges of the said State in the Court of Sessions & Common Pleas for said District at Pickens Court House, Jonathan Whitten resident in Pickens District, aged about seventy-three years, who being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the Army of the United States as a Volunteer under Captain George Avery [sic, George Aubrey] at Duncan's Creek in Newberry District South Carolina in the summer of the year 1778 as well as he can recollect for the term of three months -- under command of Colonel Levi Casey -- And was marched into Abbeville & down on Long Cane Creek and the adjoining Country & was some time about the district or County of Newberry -- And after the end of the first three months he Volunteered again he believes under the same Captain Avery and was marched to 96 [Ninety Six District] & the adjacent Country after the Tories by order of Colonel Casey -- and served other three months. He afterwards Volunteered under Captain Bergin or Burgin under Colonel Casey to go against the Tories out to Union County carried three expresses from Colonel Casey to Colonel Andrew Pickens in Abbeville each time he carried one express from Colonel Casey to Governor Mathews [John Mathews was Governor of South Carolina from January 31, 1782 to February 4, 1783] and delivered it to him near the Four Hole Bridge. He also carried two expresses to General Nathanael Greene found General [Greene] one time in Union District or County & one time near the Four Holes near Edisto. He afterwards volunteered under Captain George Avery again for three months and was in the service with him under Colonel Casey. And during that time was marched about the middle part of the State against the British and Tories -- He was at one skirmish on Duncan's or King's Creek<sup>1</sup> in Newberry County, now district -- he was at the Siege of Ninety Six<sup>2</sup> & there shot a British officer who fell -- After the Expiration of this Term he volunteered again with Captain Avery & Colonel Casey & when out into Spartanburg against the British & Tories, there he was with General Greene & there he took the smallpox & was confined there sick for 2 or 3 months -- He is unable now to state all his services he was one of those who lived in a Tory County & was not safe at home & whenever he got home volunteered & went into service & is now unable to state dates etc. He was out nearly all the time from the summer of 1778 till the peace for the Surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown [October 19, 1781]. He is now much afflicted

<sup>1</sup> Duncan's Creek, November 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_duncans\\_creek.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_duncans_creek.html)

<sup>2</sup> May 21-June 19, 1781 [https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution\\_battle\\_of\\_ninety\\_six.html](https://www.carolana.com/SC/Revolution/revolution_battle_of_ninety_six.html)

he has lost his recollection so much as to deprive him of much detail of facts he could have given a few years ago --

The tours he went out was generally for three months, but he was almost continually in the service he is certain he served not less than four months in 1778 -- eight months in 1779 -- nine months in 1780 and six months in 1781 --

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a Pension or annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of any agency of any State. He is poor & old & does not know of any living witnesses to prove his said services.

He also states in answer to the Interrogatories<sup>3</sup> which are required by the War Department to be put to all applicants

1. He was born in Virginia as he was informed about 1762 in Mumford Cove & brought into Carolina when a child.
- 2nd. Has no record of his age.
- 3rd. Lived in Newberry County SC during the war moved into Union County lived till he moved into Pendleton & has lived in that part of Pendleton now called Pickens upwards of 10 years.
4. He was always a volunteer
5. He saw General Greene, General Brandon [Thomas Brandon], Colonel Hughs, Colonel Pickens, does not now recollect any others.
6. Does not recollect of ever getting a Discharge if he did lost it long since
7. He is acquainted with Colonel Joseph Grisham, Colonel David McKinney, Colonel Jesse McKinney, Edward Rogers, Esquire, W L Keith Esquire, W D Sloan Esquire & many others who will testify if called on to his character for truth, and he is willing for all to testify to his character.

Sworn to & subscribed the day & year aforesaid in open Court  
Before S/ William L. Keith, CC

S/ Jonathan Whitten, 8 his mark

[Benjamin D. Duke, a clergyman, and Joseph Grisham gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$49.43 per annum commencing March forth, 1831 for 14 months & 25 days service as a private in the South Carolina militia.]

---

South Carolina Audited Accounts<sup>4</sup> relating to Jonathan Whitten  
Audited Account Microfilm file No. 8463

AA5

Transcribed by Will Graves

6/12/20

---

<sup>3</sup> The War Department promulgated regulations governing pension application format and requiring the following 7 interrogatories to be put to each applicant for a pension:

1<sup>st</sup> Where and in what year were you born?

2<sup>nd</sup> Have you any record of your age and if so where is it?

3<sup>rd</sup> Where were you living when called into service: where have you lived since the Revolutionary War and where do you now live?

4<sup>th</sup> How were you called into service; were you drafted; did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if a substitute, for whom?

5<sup>th</sup> State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served, such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service.

6<sup>th</sup> Did you ever receive a discharge from the service, and if so, by whom was it given and what has become of it?

7<sup>th</sup> State the names of persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood and who can testify as to your character for veracity and their belief in your services as a soldier in the revolution.

<sup>4</sup> The South Carolina Audited Accounts (AA) are now available online at <http://www.archivesindex.sc.gov/>. To find the AA for a specific person, click on the [Just take me to the search page](#) link, then enter the person's surname first in the "Full name" box followed by a comma and the person's Christian name.

[p 2]

[No.] 690                      September 22, 1785

[Book] X

Mr. Jonathan Whitten his account of Militia duty as private since the reduction of Charlestown  
[Charleston South Carolina fell to the British on May 12, 1780] amounting to

[old South Carolina] Currency	£225.0.0
Property lost Charged	<u>55.0.0</u>
	<u>£280.0.0</u>
Stg. [Sterling]	£40.0.0

NB. The Horse lost not certified

Ex<sup>d</sup>. T. W. [Examined by T. W. [identity unknown]]

J. M<sup>c</sup>. A.G. [approved by] John McCall, Adjutant General]

Pass £32.2.10 say 32 Pounds 2/10 Stg.

[p 3]

State South Carolina

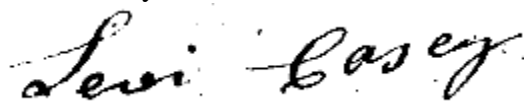
	to Jonathan Whitten	Dr.
Duty per Colonel Anderson's [Robert Anderson's] return [not extant] Currency		£225.0.0
Property lost		<u>55.0.0</u>
		<u>£280.0.0</u>
	Stg.	£40

Pass for the duty being Certified	£225
Stg.	32.2.10 Stg.

The mare not Certified

Received 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1785 the full amount of the above Account passed in an Indent No. 690  
– X, by Order

S/ Levi Casey



[4]

October 10 1782

about the above

The Public Dr. to Jonathan Whitton [sic]  
of Capt. Verdens Company Colonel Casey's  
Regiment lost by Diane, a Mair [sic] in  
the Service on Duty to Augusta Appraised by  
Jacob Duckett and John Gray valued £55

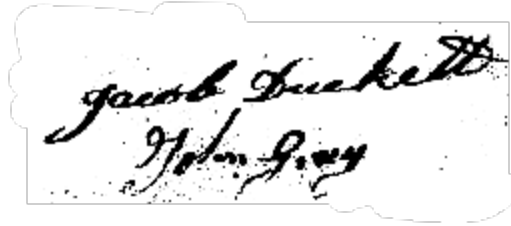
Ninety Six District

South Carolina

The Appraisers thereof maketh oath that the above Appraisement is Just  
and True as it stands stated sworn before me this 17 day of May 1783

S/ Levi Casey JP

S/ Jacob Duckett  
S/ John Gray



*Jacob Duckett*  
*John Gray*

Gentlemen Please to Deliver to Colonel Levi Casey my Indents Both principal and interest in  
this shall be your sufficient Receipt from S/ Jonathan Whitton [sic], X his mark  
To Messrs Boqueat  
and Mitchel Commissioners of the Treasury  
January the 23<sup>rd</sup> 1786  
Test S/ Jonathan Downs, JP